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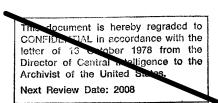
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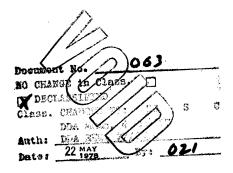
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SUPPLEMENT TO

- The Lebanese Minister to Spain, Mr. Salameh, has reportedly sounded out 1. Spanish officials to determine whether or not Abd-el-Krim would be permitted to return to Spanish Morocco with his family. The Minister's action followed a conversation with Habib Yamati, in which the influential Lebanese journalist declared that Spain could best give proof of a revised policy in Morocco by permitting Abd-el-Krim to live in his homeland. Yamati is said to be a close friend of Riad al Sulh, the Prime Minister of Lebanon, and is highly respected in the Moroccan circles of Cairo.
- The Lebanese Minister's feelers were cooly received in Madrid. Doubt was expressed regarding Abd-el-Krim's desire to return to the Rif, but there was agreement that if the matter took serious form permission would be forthcoming, provided that Abd-el-Krim promised not to engage in politics.
- Abd-el-Krim stated in an interview which was published in the Cairo newspaper Al Misri on 10 January 1949 that he would not return to his country with the political situation as it now is.





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